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An Open Letter
To the
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State Convention

(By the California District Committee, Communist Party.)

To the Convention Delegates and Members of the End Poverty League.

Greetings:

Your convention is meeting at a time when many grave problems confront the people of California and the entire country. Much has happened since the 1934 elections, when nearly a million people cast their vote for Epic candidates against the Hoover-Merriam-Hearst candidates of reaction, believing that through the Democratic Party it might be possible to oust the agents of the Chambers of Commerce and the bankers from office. The year 1935 showed that these enemies of the people have grown bolder in their efforts to destroy the organized labor movement, to stamp out freedom of expression, branding all progressive movements as "red," in an effort to throw a smoke-screen around the sinister designs of the employers and their agents.

LIBERTY LEAGUE

The forces of reaction are coming forward through the spokesmen of the American Liberty League, Al Smith, Hearst, and the old-guard of the Republican Party. They are against all social and labor legislation, no matter how weak or ineffective it might be, as witness the recent Supreme Court decisions outlawing several acts of Congress. They are pressing for the cutting off of all relief and public works expenditures, which would mean starvation for the unemployed millions. They are for the smashing of the trade unions and recognition of company unions. They want to put into office the representatives of the most reactionary circles of finance-capital. Their program leads to fascism and war. To defeat this danger requires the united action of the workers, the farmers, the middle class, and all the sincere opponents of fascism and war.

SOCIAL LEGISLATION

While President Roosevelt talks against the reactionary autocrats, it requires more than talk to defend the economic interests of the people against the exploiters, to protect their civil liberties and to beat back the advance of fascism. More and more he is surrendering to the demands of the monopoly interests for drastic reductions in the relief/budget, and in cutting an entire millions of "unemployables" from direct federal relief. He has agreed to their demands to increase the war appropriations to one billion dollars. He has surrendered in the face of the attacks on all social security or labor legislation, and does not fight against the Supreme Court taking upon itself autocratic powers to nullify legislation passed by Congress. For every inch he concedes to the masses, he concedes a yard to the big business interests. President Roosevelt has forgotten the "forgotten man."

FASCIST DANGER

Increasingly large masses of people, alarmed at the growth of the attacks of the Liberty League and the Hearsts on the rights of the people, are coming to see that something must be done to organize an effective struggle, not only brave talk, against these fascist elements. This cannot be done by a do-nothing policy in the face of the growing danger of fascist reaction. The Epic movement has reason to remember how Roosevelt and the Democratic Party turned its back on the Production-For-Use program which had the backing of nearly a million California voters; how by refusing to endorse the Epic ticket and platform, Roosevelt indirectly helped to elect Merriam. The Epic movement has declined precisely because large numbers of Epic followers lost faith in the possibility of realizing the Epic program through the Democratic Party of Farley, McAdoo & Co.

CLEAR DEMANDS

The Epic Convention should go on record to send a delegation to the Democratic National Convention that will fight the attempts of the reactionaries to nominate a candidate of the American Liberty League. The Epic delegation should demand of Roosevelt, not only a clear statement on whether he supports the Epic program of Production-For-Use and opening

EPIC CONVENTION TO DECIDE FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION

* PROTEST! *



REACTIONARIES WANT SUPPORT FOR ROOSEVELT

PRODUCTION FOR USE PLANK EXPECTED TO CAUSE DISPUTE

Sinclair Withdraws

OLSON LINED UP WITH THE CLIQUE SUPPORTING ROOSEVELT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—Surrounded by swirling political intrigue and intriguers, delegates from California's Epic clubs will settle the fate of the production-for-use movement within the Democratic Party here this Saturday and Sunday when they assemble at 121 North Lake street for the second convention of the End Poverty League.

GREEN ATTACKS LABOR COUNCIL

Expels All Delegates On Clumsy Pretext

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 15.—The San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council was dissolved last night by Joseph Casey, state representative of the American Federation of Labor. Casey claimed authority for this drastic action came from William Green. A large turn-out of delegates heard the surprise announcement. Casey announced that he would appoint temporary officers until a new election is held "in conformity with the constitution of the A. F. of L."

The technical basis for the dissolution of the Council was Casey's claim that in San Diego all unions are allowed a minimum of five delegates and that the A. F. of L. only allows a minimum of two delegates to each local and a graduated increase of delegates in relation to union membership. He instructed delegates to return to (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

"WAR CAN BE WHIPPED BY UNITY," DECLARE YPSL & YCL

"Unity on Revolutionary Basis," Cry Socialists at Convention!

By John Broman.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—War can be whipped by unity! Forecasting a United Front between the Young People's Socialist League and the Young Communist League, speakers for both organizations last night agreed on this vital point in a debate before 1500 enthusiastic workers in the Mason Opera House on the subject of "The Road to Peace."

"We want unity, but unity on a revolutionary basis," said Glen Trimble, national organizer of the YPSL.

"We agree on that," said Matt Pelman, YCL section organizer.

"I invite Comrade Trimble to meet tomorrow and work out such a program of action against war!"

PELMAN CONVINCING

The irrefutable logic of the peace policy of the Soviet Union, and the anti-war program of the Communist International, was presented with exceptional clarity by Pelman throughout his debating.

"We regard the 'road to peace' as the United Front," said Pelman.

"War is the inevitable accompaniment to capitalism, and the only way to insure lasting peace is the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a workers and farmers' government."

"We say that if the masses are willing to fight against war, then let us rally in a mighty United

Front and we can stop war."

"We cannot isolate America from the rest of the world. The only way to keep America out of war is to keep the world out of war!"

"A defeat for Mussolini would be a defeat for Hitler and all other Fascists, and a victory for the international working class!"

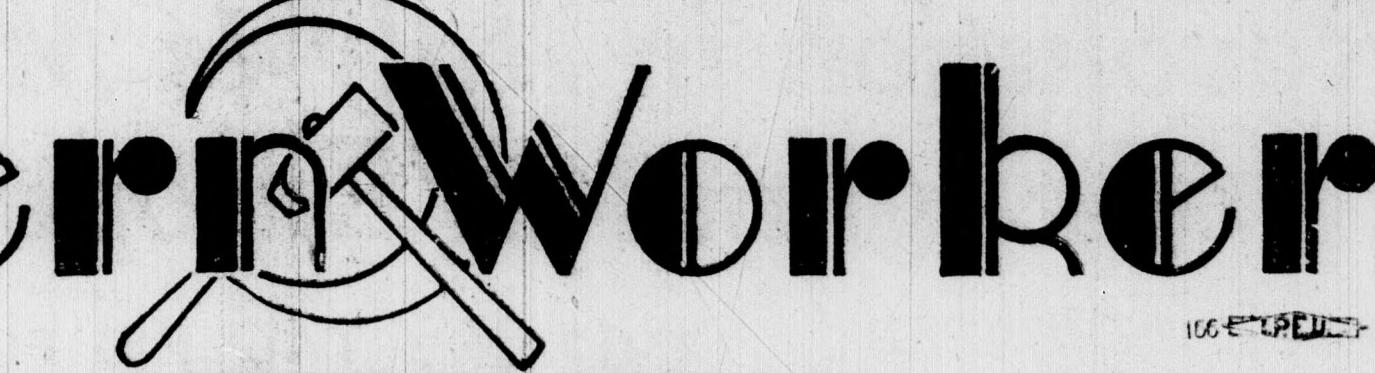
"The Socialists agree that the Soviet Union is building socialism, and the next step they must take is to recognize that the Soviet Union doesn't want war but wants peace. The peace policy of the Soviet Union is the only policy consistently and practically to fight for international peace."

SOCIALISTS QUIBBLE

Trimble attacked the peace policies of the Soviet Union and the anti-war program of the Communist International as a "compromise" with the capitalist.

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The UNITED PEOPLE'S FRONT IN MEXICO



Something is going on in Mexico. If anyone doubts it, let them look at the above demonstration. One hundred thousand workers turned out to protest against the return of ex-President Calles, tool of American oil interests. This expression of political power was staged by the People's Front (united front) of all radical, liberal and trade union groups; which is the most powerful force in Mexico today. The Communist Party is one of the leading groups in this united front movement.

Mexican C. P. Issues Anti-Calles Appeal

WARNS MEXICAN PEOPLE'S FRONT OF DANGER OF SEIZURE OF POWER BY CALLES GROUP

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—From time to time, during the strikes that sweep the agricultural fields of California, it is evident that Mexican consuls too often work hand in hand with the brutal exploiters of Mexican workers. Mexican workers have made this charge against the Los Angeles consul. This is even more true in the periodical drives by government officials for wholesale deportation of Mexican unemployed workers, many of whom have been ruthlessly separated from their families. Now, when Calles, tool of American finance-capital, is striving to weaken the progressive administration of Cardenas, to overthrow the government of Cardenas, to establish a reactionary dictatorship, and finish by handing over the country to Yankee imperialism.

The energetic measures of the government, the removal of the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

FILM AND STAGE SUFFERS CRISIS IN NAZI LAND

BOYCOTT AND ANTI-NAZI SENTIMENT CAUSE

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—(FP)—Figures received from Nazi Germany and released by Hitler's own government give a good indication of the terribly and increasingly deep crisis in German films and stage.

Over 850 legitimate stage actors are now unemployed (excluding Jews, of course), with no prospect of even a fraction of them finding work again. New standards are being established; actors and critics will no longer be qualified as National Socialists before finding employment.

Dr. Fritz Scheuermann, president of the International Film Chamber, reveals that Germany has lost 33 per cent in film exports. He lists three main reasons for this: boycott encouraged abroad by emigres and anti-Nazis; lack of finances to establish agencies abroad for German films; and natural political and religious aversion of foreign countries to the themes portrayed in Nazi films.

Another Dynamite Frame-Up Charge

OMAHA, Neb.—(FP)—J. C. Perkins, chairman of the Omaha street car strikers' committee, and fifteen others have been arrested charged with "conspiracy to commit felony by dynamiting."

The strikers characterize the charge as a hangover from an unsuccessful frame-up last June, when several cases of unexploded dynamite were found in the city.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT IN CRISIS AS PEOPLE'S FRONT CHECKS WAR

Air Bombing Continues in Ethiopia As Sweden Protests Brutal Killings

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—The exposure of the Hoare-Laval plan to dismember Ethiopia still echoes strongly in European political circles, particularly in France, where the government totters more certainly with every pro-fascist and anti-sanction maneuver.

Again Laval barely received a confidence vote today when cabinet policies were condemned by Left forces and the radical socialists called for resignation of their six cabinet representatives.

RED ARMY STRENGTH

While still hopeful that People's Front support for the Soviet Union's peace policy will force Laval or a successor government to closer relations with the Soviet Union, Soviet representatives have announced further strengthening of the Red Army for defense of Socialism, pointing to the anti-Soviet pact between Japan and Germany.

In the Far East, the Mongolian people's government has protested strongly against Japan's violation of border territory under the guise of supporting "independent" or "autonomous" puppet governments.

PROTEST BOMBINGS

The Swedish government has received a tongue-in-cheek apology

The United Front Released Herndon; The United Front Can Free the C.S. Prisoners

Time and Place Given for Four Lenin Meetings

The 12th anniversary of the death of V. I. Lenin will be celebrated in all main working class centers throughout the world next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Principal California meetings are as follows:

LOS ANGELES

Mason Opera House, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21. Main speaker, W. Schneiderman, district organizer of the Communist Party. Playlets by Rebel Players; dances by Horizon dance group.

SAN FRANCISCO

Mission Turner Hall, 3541 Eighteenth st., near Valencia, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 8 p.m. Speakers: Lawrence Ross, Anita Whitney, Ben Dobbs. Film showing, "Three Songs About Lenin." Admission 15c.

OAKLAND

Workers' Center, 419 - 12th st., Tuesday, Jan. 21, 8 p.m. Speaker, Harry Carlisle, editor Western Worker.

SAN BERNARDINO

Meeting at 732 L st., at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21.

THOUSANDS CUT OFF L. A. RELIEF

WPA Will Hire Small Percentage of Unemployed

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—What to do with 29,000 unemployed workers and their families, left without means of support by the virtual closing down of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration, was a question facing the local civic organizations and the citizen's relief committee here this week.

Approximately 14,000 persons are classed as "unemployables," according to WPA standards. The remainder are not eligible for WPA work as they had registered for relief after November 1, 1935.

WPA has promised jobs to 6000 women and 9000 men who until this week were among the 31,172 families on LACRA. State relief officials have indicated they hope either to "farm out" families to the county welfare department under a state subsidy, or induce the federal government to boost the WPA quota.

CLOSED

Five LACRA district offices were padlocked last week and Director Roy W. Pilling announced plans for closing or reducing the size of Ingewood, Elysian and Glendale offices.

Meanwhile so-called "surplus commodities," including the infamous "beef" from cattle that died in last year's drought in the Middle West, will be distributed to 25,000 jobless workers in the County Charities Department. Distribution of the "surplus" will mean a saving of approximately \$50,000 a year, according to the board of supervisors.

STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Because they were not being paid prevailing wages steamshovel men and teamsters walked off the Williams street underpass project here this week. The job is a federal financed state project.

Meetings with the contractors were called by Timothy L. Rardon, chairman of the State Industrial Relations Commission.

Political expediency this week brought the San Francisco Chronicle, staunch Republican newspaper, into the relief situation with an exposure of rotten conditions on WPA and direct relief.

A man with seven children was found in a starving condition because he had been given a WPA job but had not yet been paid. Meanwhile he had been cut off relief.

The meeting, to be held Tuesday, Jan. 21, will be free of charge and will be held at 1123 Van Ness Ave., Fresno.

WAR ON RANK AND FILE AT I.S.U. MEETING

REACTIONARIES ATTEMPT TO BLOCK SEATING OF ELECTED DELEGATES

Federation Attacked

GROWTH OF UNION SHOWN IN REPORT BY SECRETARY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The steamship situation remains unchanged as shipowners have apparently focused their full attention upon the I.S.S.U. convention now under way.

With a total of sixty-one crews laid off by an enforced lock-out the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation has elected a committee to force relief from local officials for the seamen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—The first day's session of the International Seamen's Union Convention was marked by a sharp fight over the seating of rank and file delegates from the Boston local of the Marine Firemen's Union as fraternal observers.

The two delegates challenged, Moe Byne and Jack Montal, were nominated some months ago as candidates for election as regular delegates but the reactionary election committee of the Firemen's Union ruled that there would be no election and appointed three delegates of their own choosing.

Deprived of their opportunity to send their own delegates the local sent these two as observers. It is reported a bitter fight developed over the seating of these two and as yet no decision has been reached.

RAPS WEST COAST

Preceding his announcement of resignation as international secretary-treasurer with a vicious tirade against the West locals and in particular the Maritime Federation, V. A. Olander in his report to the convention declared, that the "Pacific unions are engaging in activities which have prevented the establishment of the peaceful relationship which the agreements and awards were designed to promote."

Although the entire reactionary forces are exerting their utmost influence to destroy the strong rank and file West Coast branches, Olander in his financial report records a considerable growth of the International Seamen's Union since the last convention, which is due largely to militant activities of the same West Coast branches.

SHIPPERS SEEK AID

The report states that the per capita income tax for 1930 was \$15,750 and for 1935 receipts showed an income of \$57,017.

Along with resolutions offered by the West Coast delegates calling for the approval of the Schatzberg expulsion and demands for uniform national scale of wages and conditions,

DUTCH NAZIS SUPPORTED BY BANKERS' CASH

ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN IS CARRIED ON BY FASCIST GROUP

Germany's directed influence in Holland is making itself felt through the Dutch "National Socialist Movement," an undisguised Nazi agency, supported by Dutch financial and industrial interests with investments in Germany. In the "Movement's" official press appear incitements against Jews, items on "race ideology," "superiority of the German race," "Holland for the Dutch," etc.

The weak, newly-founded Colijn government is aggressively pursuing a policy of suppression of democratic rights, and is proposing to take the following measures:

1. Removal of "revolutionary" representation from the Parliament.
2. Abolition of freedom of the press and introduction of "preventive censorship."
3. A 5 per cent reduction in wages of municipal employees.
4. Repression of labor's organizational activities.

MEXICAN PARTY FIGHTS CALLES

(Continued From Page 1) generally who support Calles, Medinaevita, chief of the garrison at La Plaza, and Amaro, the head of the military college; the suspension of privileges for callista senators; the suppression of the subversive propaganda of Calles himself—all this places the leader of the reaction in the dilemma of either resorting to arms or disappearing definitely from the political scene.

It is necessary to realize the danger and to act decisively.

The victory of calismo would mean the end of liberty and of democratic rights; it would signify the destruction of workers' and peasants' organizations, the setting up of a reactionary military dictatorship, with its accompanying orgies of blood and terror, let loose by the "Gold Shirts," the thugs of Morones, and the white guards, and finally the complete colonization of the country by imperialism.

Already Nicholas Rodriguez is announcing the terroristic methods to be used against working-class organizations and their functionaries. Already Morones is arming his hired bandits to "defend Calles." The country is infested with hoodlums and white guards, protected by some of the reactionaries.

Immediate and energetic action by the government and the people is the urgent need of the hour.

It is necessary to force, without any loss of time, the widest united front of workers, peasants, employees, students, small business men, small proprietors, etc., in a close alliance with the Army, in order to support the government of Cardenas, and to crush the reaction without mercy. The workers' trade unions must take the initiative.

The workers of the CROM (Confederacion Regional Obrera Mexicana, controlled by Morones) and the CGT (Confederacion General del Trabajo) should leave Morones and Ramirez, who are but instruments of Calles, and should unite with the whole people in its struggle against reaction. Today, more than ever, it is imperative to have trade union unity of the proletariat and the unification of the peasant masses.

It is necessary to organize large, powerful mass demonstrations in the streets.

It is necessary to be prepared to paralyze any military mobilization of calismo by means of a strike of all railroad workers, electricians, city transport workers, etc.

It is necessary to form detachments of workers and peasants, armed with the aid of the government, for its own defense, and for the defense of the workers themselves.

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* Ships Sink As Profits Rise *

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The following is a list of maritime disasters from the files of Lloyd's registry:

1932	319
1933	385
1934	433
1935	468

(Up to November)

The number of ships lost was:

1932	42
1933	41
1934	54
1935 (figures not yet out).	

The above figures show clearly that every year the seamen face increasing danger of going to the bottom of the sea in a "coffin ship."

ISU HEADS WAR ON WEST COAST RANK AND FILE

(Continued From Page 1) from the West Coast shipowners.

The resolution demanded that the ISU "take steps to secure compliance of West Coast locals to agreements."

Despite the hand-picking of Eastern delegates to the convention rank and file West Coast representatives are receiving considerable support, according to the latest reports of proceedings there.

SUPPORT STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—

The striking seamen of the inter-coastal passenger liner, Pennsylvania which sneaked out of the harbor early this week with a skeleton crew of seabs, received inspiring support from the crew of the sister ship, the California, now laying at San Pedro.

In hearty approval of the actions of the Pennsylvania crew, all three unlicensed departments of the California adopted resolutions protesting the re-signing of the 1935 agreement between the ISU, East Coast District Committee and the operators.

To support the crew of the Pennsylvania who were left stranded, the men on the California demanded of the local agents of the operators that the abandoned seamen be sent back to New York to their ship without discrimination. At the same time the demand for West Coast scale of wages was raised. The ship is scheduled to sail on Sunday evening for the East Coast.

STRIKE COMMITTEE

A committee of three, one from each department, was elected to come to San Francisco and work with the strike committee of the Pennsylvania crew. The entire membership of the California voted to assess themselves two dollars each to feed and shelter the destitute seamen. District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation to whom the striking seamen appealed for aid has elected a committee to force civic relief for the men.

The action of the Pennsylvania crew was the opening gun in the struggle for equal pay on both coasts. Since this action the crews of the Grace liner, Santa Paula and three Luckenbach ships have sailed from the West Coast after gaining the West Coast scale.

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Revolution in Italy Is Main Fear of England in European War Crisis

DUCE REPORTED FACING BAD WEATHER

By Henry Zon.
(Federated Press)

The British government, though terror-stricken by fear that Mussolini will fall and that his fall will give tremendous impetus to civil sentiment in Europe and colonial revolt in Africa, has been forced, for the time being at least, to beat a retreat from its plan to save Italian Fascism at the expense of Ethiopian independence.

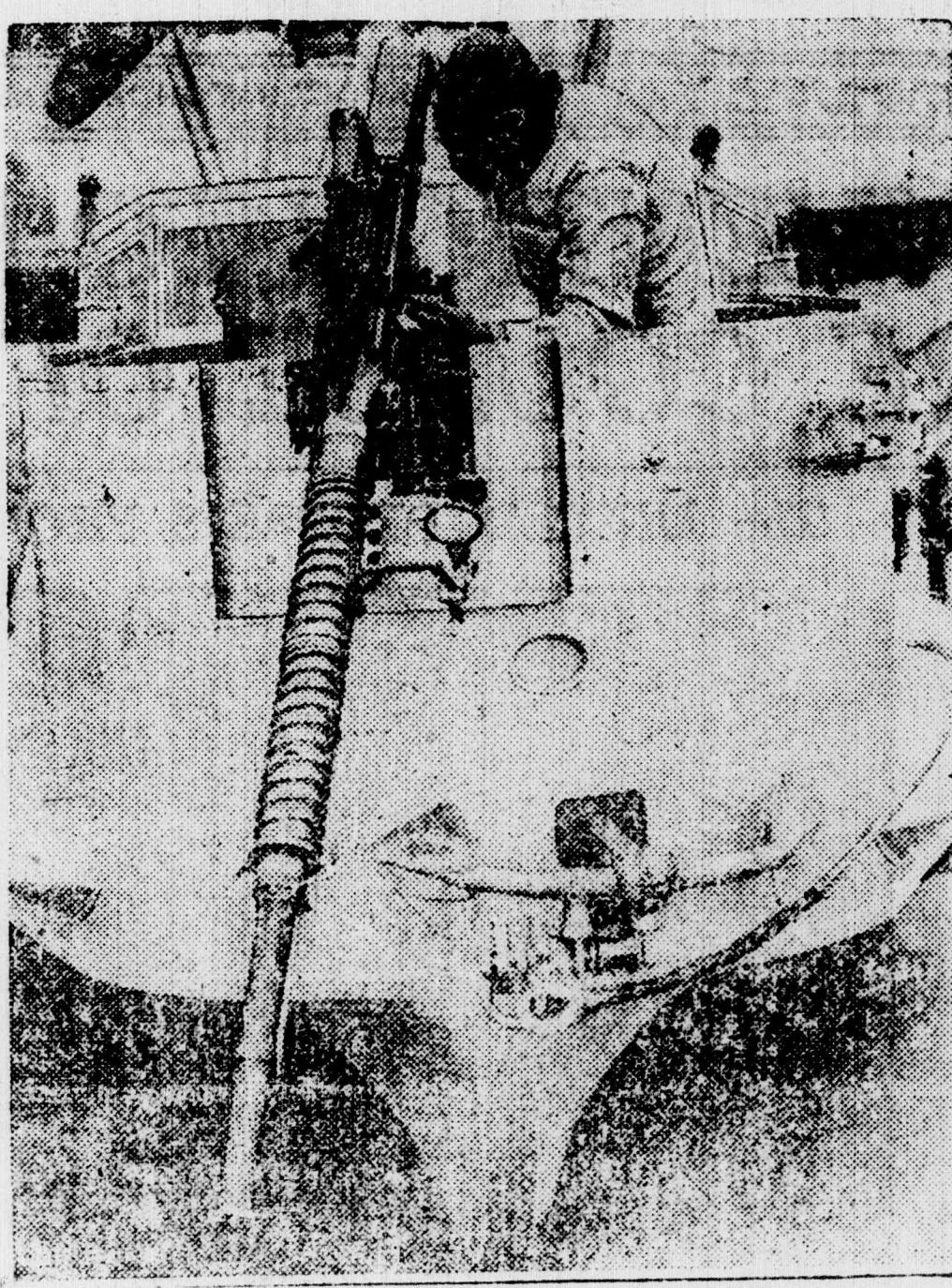
The appointment of Capt. Anthony Eden, former minister for League affairs, as foreign secretary, is a gesture to pacify the popular indignation of 11,000,000 British peace ballotters and allay the shocked nausea that was felt even in staunch Conservative circles at the disclosure of the Hoare-Laval deal.

EYES ON EDEN

The appointment of Eden, regarded as favorable to application of sanctions against Italy, has been sympathetically received by the British public. The question now remains as to what course Eden will take in the face of heavy pressures from the pro-Mussolini Tory crowd now hoping to smuggle their plan in by the back door. Eden's enormous popular following will quickly vanish if he is revealed as a party to the same game the cabinet has been playing the last six months.

It is not only the conservative sections of Britain's ruling class who fear the fall of Mussolini. Albert, King of the Belgians, has not been visiting London because he likes the raw, foggy winters of the insular metropolis. He is a brother-in-law of Italy's Crown Prince, and informed circles have

BRITAIN'S TALKING POINT



ONE OF THE HUGE DREADNAUGHTS OF THE AIR THAT FORM PART OF GREAT BRITAIN'S GIANT AIR FORCE

it that he has been directing some frightened whispering into the British royal ear about what will happen to his Italian in-laws if the pressure of sanctions is not halted.

NO HOPE FOR SNOBS

It is reported that Albert told the English monarch that there is no hope of substituting the royal family for Mussolini, as had been previously hoped, and that, if

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SEATTLE WORKERS' SCHOOL DEFIES MAYOR'S VIGILANTES

Entire Northwest Denounces Fascist Attacks Of American Legion

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 14.—While students at the Workers' School here received their first lesson on fascism in America before the school had formally opened, the would-be vigilantes—wearing overseas caps to give them courage—received their first lesson on the wrath of an aroused working class.

The dual lesson occurred when following a brutal "raid" by the police upon the newly opened School of Social Science, a band of 70 Legionnaire vigilantes swarmed into the class room with black-jacks and clubs in their hands and a shot of "Americanism" in their arms.

FASCISTS ROUTED

The weapons were turned against the would-be vigilantes by the students who had just settled back to continue their studies after the police had "arrested" five of the faculty. In short order the band of aspiring fascists were completely routed, so thoroughly in fact that the Hearst camera man on the job waiting for an action photo could only find a picture of a badly beaten vigilante being aided from the building to snap.

Immediately following this abortive attack Mayor Smith, of strikebreaking notoriety, stated to the press, "It is too bad we are so short of men or we might have been able to prevent that riot."

The American Legion hastily denied any knowledge of the affair when a storm of protests from the entire Northwest by liberty-loving people flooded Mayor Smith's office.

HEARST AND LEGION

The entire affair was a result of the American Legion's hysterical "discovery" that a school was to open in the city which would be devoted to teaching "Marxist Doctrines." The Americanization Committee of the local Legion post forthwith demanded of Mayor Smith that the "alien school" be forbidden to open.

The Hearst rag, the Daily Post, launched a front page campaign against the proposed school invoking the use of every possible red-baiting phrase in Hearst's comprehensive file.

Mayor Smith, who was the "terrible boy" between the Northwest Joint Strike Committee and the Chamber of Commerce during the 1934 maritime strike, responded puppet-like to the cries of the local Chamber of Commerce once again.

UNDEFEATED

Standing firmly on their constitutional rights the faculty went right ahead making plans for the opening of the schools. Over a hundred pupils were enrolled in trade union courses. An open invitation was extended to the Mayor and any Legionnaire who cared to enroll.

In answer to the Mayor's statement that the school cannot be closed until the police have proof that the law is being violated, the local Hearst rag in very subtle manner hinted that a band of "sincere Americans" was all that was necessary to close the school of "radical doctrines."

Co-incidentally—the police descended upon the school and arrested Morris Raport, dist. organizer of the Communist Party. Four others who refused to answer questions hurled at them by the raiding squad were also taken.

THUGS FOLLOW COPS

No sooner had the official raid squad left the door of the building when the "band of sincere Americans" came charging into the rooms. Although the Daily Times describing the scene gleefully tells of the "reds being dragged down the stairs and tossed into the street," the Hearst sheet mournfully states that "the class continued and was scheduled to open again tomorrow evening."

When an unemployed street meeting in progress in the "Skid Row" heard of the arrests, one of them shouted, "Let us make sure they don't make another Shoemaker case out of this—we will elect a committee of ten right now to camp on the police station door steps until those workers are released."

A volunteer committee at once proceeded to the station house, informed the desk sergeant of their



Speaker for C. S. Repeal Barred from Council Floor

Red Scare Raised By Trade Council Head In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 16.—Compelled to show his hand by a tie vote, Robert L. Ennis, president of the Sacramento Federated Trade Council, personally "gagged" a speaker from the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act when he cast the deciding vote that barred the conference speaker from the floor.

A committee consisting of the members of the Sacramento local committee and the secretary of the Northern California Conference requested to be heard at the regular Council meeting Tuesday night. In submitting the request to the delegates Ennis declared:

"There's a committee here representing a conference against the Criminal Syndicalism Act and it consists of some trade unions and Communistic organizations. Do you want to hear them?"

A delegate moved to give the committee speaker three minutes. The motion was promptly seconded. Ennis permitted a few talks against the motion and then quickly called for the vote. The result was twenty-five in favor of hearing the speaker from "conference of trade unions and Communistic organizations" and twenty-five against.

I am the first victim. I work on a United States Engineering Department project and was going to call on a member of the Santa Monica Carpenters' Union local on the night of Dec. 29, when I was arrested and booked for "suspicion of burglary."

I was taken to the central station in Los Angeles, finger printed and "mugged," and held without a hearing or questioning as to any "burglary."

The International Labor Defense forced them to release me Jan. 2, at 3:15 p.m. All the while I was in jail, the only questions they asked me were in regard to my political affiliation.

3.5 Increase In Sales Dollar Volume

NEW YORK.—(FP)—A 3.5 per cent increase in the dollar volume of New York City and Brooklyn department store sales in the month of December, compared to the same period a year ago, has been reported by The New York Herald-Tribune. The increase, much of which was offset by higher prices, conflicts with optimistic reports of store owners during the Christmas sales period.

PAROLE BOARD

At this meeting demands will be raised and mass pressure will be put on the State Parole Board

THE LONGEST TRIAL IN HISTORY



And the fight is still going on! The Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial was the longest in California court history. Seven of the labor leaders who were convicted in this railroading are still in the penitentiary. International Labor Defense Attorney Leo Gallagher (above, standing), who is conducting the appeal fight of these prisoners and is the official representative of six, is now in Sacramento demanding the release of the prisoners on bail in order that they may prepare the appeals. The figure seated to the right of Gallagher is Neil R. McAllister, notorious prosecutor of the C. S. trial.

Despite Ennis' reactionary attitude, Sacramento organizations affiliated in the local C. S. Repeal Conference there report encouraging support is being given by local trade unions, liberals, and church groups, and calls are being sent out for a local Conference to be held Sunday, February 16th.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Gathering momentum and reaching thousands of workers and middle class people previously untouched by the campaign against the brutal,封建的 Criminal Syndicalism law, the California Conference for the Repeal of the C. S. Act announces that the mass meeting of Feb. 5 will be a memorable affair.

PAROLE BOARD

To secure the release of all victims of this reactionary legislation, The Sacramento frame-up victims have already spent seventeen months in jails and prisons. These class war prisoners, jailed for giving militant leadership to struggling and exploited workers,

will have completed ten months of imprisonment in the State prison on February 27. Ten months was the minimum sentence; if we exert sufficient mass pressure we can force our comrades' release from the capitalist dungeons.

Letter and telegrams should be sent to the Parole Board at San Quentin and to Gov. Merriam demanding that they consider the cases immediately and set the minimum sentence.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Development of a farmer-labor party after 1936 was predicted by Harry W. Laidler, executive secretary of the League for Industrial Democracy, in a radio speech following a coast-to-coast trip in which he studied political and economic conditions.

The men have given the company time to consider this matter since the middle of December. When no action was taken, they went out on strike.

Men on the picket lines declare that almost all of the welders in that locality, including teachers, are organized.

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FRAZIER-LUNDEEN SOCIAL INSURANCE BILL

BILL COMBINES SIX SYSTEMS, SETS 10 DOLLAR MINIMUM, COVERS UNEMPLOYMENT

By Bob Holliday.

A battle for social security, waged by workers' organizations since the early part of the depression, comes to a head at the Seventy-Fourth Congress of the United States.

At this Congress the Frazier-Lundeen bill, drafted by the Committee of the Inter-Professional Association for Social Insurance, will be introduced by Senator Lynn J. Frazier of North Dakota.

Every country in the civilized world, except the United States, has such a system to provide for its unemployed.

The bill which Senator Frazier will propose calls for payment of benefits to all unemployed, youth, women, Negro, including self-employed professional people, covers insurance for jobless industrial workers, farmers, widows, mothers and the aged.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM

A ten dollar weekly minimum is set with a readjustment clause based on the cost of living, plus \$3.00 additional for each dependent. The maximum is \$25.00 a week and \$8.00 for each dependent.

Benefits would be administered by a Federal Workers' Insurance Commission, thus providing for unions and workers' organizations to control the policy of those who administer the act. Because members of this commission would be appointed by the President from panels nominated by the workers themselves.

Efforts have been made and are still under way in London to secure a loan for Hitler's government and it is thought attempts will be made here to obtain money from the Federal Reserve system or other private interests.

Benefits will be paid for the entire period of unemployment. In its essentials the bill is an elaboration of principles embodied

were employed up to the time they reached the age of sixty or over, shall also receive compensation equal to the amount of the unemployment compensation at the age of sixty. All other persons sixty years of age or over are provided for by minimum compensation.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The unemployment set-up provides full compensation for the whole period of unemployment, whereas the Social Security Act put forward by the present Administration provides compensation only for a few weeks in the year and for only a proportion of the lost wages, and, most significant of all, is limited to those now employed from whose wages a payroll tax will be deducted.

COMPENSATION

Compensation is equal to the average weekly wage payable in the beneficiary's occupation or profession in his district, with a minimum of \$10.00 per week, plus \$3.00 for each dependent, and a maximum of \$25.00 per week plus \$8.00 for each dependent. There is a provision for adjustment of this scale with changes in the cost of living. Recipients of incomes above the maximum are disqualified; but those having lesser incomes are eligible to social insurance after deducting their income in excess of \$25.00 per year from the compensation payable under the act.

OLD-AGE INSURANCE

The system of old-age insurance provides explicitly that persons of sixty years of age or over shall receive compensation equal to average wages if they

are employed up to the time they reached the age of sixty or over, shall also receive compensation equal to the amount of the unemployment compensation at the age of sixty. All other persons sixty years of age or over are provided for by minimum compensation.

WORKERS CONTROL

A Federal Workers' Insurance Commission is set up to admin-

TEACHER BROUGHT TO TRIAL ON 'RED' CHARGE BY LEGION MEMBER

Judge Refuses to Outlaw Prejudiced Evidence in Non-Jury Hearing

EUREKA, Calif., Jan. 11.—"Jewett stated Tom Mooney was a greater martyr to his principles than Abraham Lincoln." This was offered as conclusive evidence that Victor Jewett was unfit to teach in the Eureka schools by George C. Jacobs, school director.

Because of his sympathetic attitude to labor and developments in the Soviet Union, Victor Jewett has been viciously attacked by local reactionaries over a period of years. A year ago he was arbitrarily transferred from teaching social studies to mathematics because of his "disturbing influence."

SALARY CUT

Later, in effort to force Jewett to resign, the school board reduced his salary several hundred dollars per year. During the lumber strike, when local papers launched a hysterical attack against the striking lumber workers, the school board seized the opportunity to dismiss Jewett altogether.

Jewett forced the hand of the school board and after a lapse of several months, specific charges were drawn up and presented by Miller, a member of the American Legion Post local.

The trial is now under way without a jury, before Judge Falk. Some of the "crushing" evidence offered by highly pre-

judiced witnesses was: "He was a disturbing influence among the students, because they were continuously asking what was wrong with the Constitution." Mr. and Mrs. Jewett had dinner at my restaurant with a Soviet representative."

The last statement was offered by the owner of the Waffle Inn, whose place was picketed last summer by the Cooks and Waitresses' Union because he had paid wages lower than the union scale and the rates provided by the state law.

PREJUDICIAL MATTERS

The outcome of the trial is suggested by the Judge's overruling of the defense motion to exclude prejudiced and immaterial testimony.

The strong possibility that Wall Street financiers will be also apprehended as "disturbing influence" was seen with the introduction as evidence by the Legion-backed school board, of checks which Jewett received as interest on Soviet Union bonds, which can be purchased from any broker.

Geo. Jacobs is the same school director who allowed the vigilantes to make the Eureka High School gymnasium their headquarters during the bloody lumber strike.

BERKELEY WELDERS OUT ON STRIKE FOR BETTER WAGES

Company Refuses to Deal With Labor Union Representatives

BERKELEY, Calif., Jan. 11.—All welders in the Steel Tank and Pipe Company of West Berkeley are out on strike for better wages and working conditions.

The company manager has so far refused to talk with the business agent of the Association of Certified Welders, No. 6. When presented with the demands in written form, he said nothing when called on the phone, he answers, "I have nothing to say," and hangs up.

The men have given the company time to consider this matter since the middle of December. When no action was taken, they went out on strike.

Men on the picket lines declare that almost all of the welders in that locality, including teachers, are organized.

They declare further that a fac-

tory in San Francisco doing the same kind of work was called out so the work couldn't be sent over there. Teamsters have been contacted and have refused to haul any steel stuff.

Only two pickets have been allowed to picket the place, but that is a sufficient number, no violence or coercive measures being necessary to convince men they should stay away.

Welders are making an effort to organize the other men in the shop who are as yet unorganized and therefore not in line to receive any benefit from the strike.

Demands include:

- Raise in wages from 80 cents to a dollar an hour, including different rates for different kinds of work.
- Union recognition and a closed shop.

Noted Educators Found to Be Mostly Ex-Crooks in L. A.

268 L. A. School Employees Have Records Of Murder, Rape, Theft

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—view to introducing service among non-certified employees of the school system.

Canadian authorities want one employee, it was said, and another escaped from Walla Walla prison in Washington.

Board members hurled accusations of concealed evidence or attempts to conceal evidence, and then voted to defer action on the report until they have a chance to make a study of the complete findings.

The report declared the committee has absolute proof, from fingerprints and police files, that 27 employees have records of kidnapping, sex and murder charges against them; 19 have been charged with extortion, battery and suspect arson; 51 have theft and fraud charges; 112 have records of vagrancy, gambling and liquor law violations, and 59 have been arrested on miscellaneous charges.

The report was made with a

WAR REHEARSAL NOW CONCLUDED

100 SHIPS, 400 AIRPLANES BACK TO BASES

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Jan. 8.—"War games"—the dress rehearsal for serious war—had been completed today by more than 100 ships and 400 airplanes of the Pacific fleet of the U. S. Navy and the ships were back in their base ports of San Diego and San Pedro.

The fleet was out for three days of secret tactical exercises inaugurating the extensive 1936 maneuvers of the navy.

Where the fleet was and what they did was kept a secret by the naval high command.

Comrade Molly Goodman's sincere devotion to the workers' cause will linger in our memory," declared members of her unit, pledging to fill the gap in their ranks by recruiting a dozen new members into the party.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—Comrades here mourned the passing of Comrade Molly Goodman, militant worker and Communist soldier.

Comrade Goodman was a charter party member who was untiringly active doing her part in the Revolutionary movement. She was the inspiration of activity to many comrades.

Of late, she had taken the lead in procuring subscriptions for the Western Worker. Already ill, she still participated in the Press Bazaar Conference and collected articles to make the bazaar a success.

Jobless Jottings

By the Boondoggler (L. A.)

Too much rich food and too many drinks at swell hotels have apparently upset the delicate balance of Frank Y. McLaughlin who like a trick circus rider has stood with one foot on WPA, the other on SERA while riding down the relief budgets in California.

The reins of SERA are being tossed to another Merriam stable boy Schottland who is due for a rough ride while rumors fly thick and fast that poor Frank may prove unable (barring a long rest) to maintain his balance on WPA.

As a punishment for insubordination, Boss Walker on the La Brea and Exposition WPA job had Foreman Gene walk 25 of the men 15 miles. There was great excitement as they passed near Wilshire and Sixth. A business man in a swanky automobile almost had a cataleptic fit, stopped his car, grabbed the foreman and pointed to the head of the column.

There the old Townsendite who had been guarding the project crossing was walking at the head of the gang, carrying his RED FLAG.

Carl Bennett who earns his salary prettying up the slow starvation handed to 122,689 of L. A. County's aged, infirm men and women, helpless sick, and children tells us that the average state aid to old people is \$24 per month and volunteers the statement, "I think it should be very easy for a person over 65 to get by nicely on that amount."

He reluctantly supplied us information regarding the county budget the following being a sample which could easily account for more reluctance than Carl displayed.

The food packages issued by the Welfare to a family of 10 people for a period of four weeks costs the county . . . \$18.20.

Mr. Bennett's official position is Public Relations Director of the County Welfare. You will find him at Room 1201 Law Building.

At last a way has been found to dispose of the canned corpses of drouth stricken cattle called "canned beef" and other inferior commodities formerly distributed free by the Surplus Foods Corporation.

Relief clients "cared for" by the SERA will be assigned a definite monthly amount of this surplus "food," which refused or accepted will be deducted from their cash food allowance . . . at retail prices.

The total monthly surplus commodity deduction for a family of five is \$4.23.

The Norwalk Storm Drain WPA Project N-644 is costing over three-fourths of a million dollars. The tile in the section of this drain located between Fair Park and Colorado Blvd. on Elsinore Drive was laid loose in the ditch, without being cemented, and under supervision of Boss Thayer the dirt was hurriedly shoveled back into the ditch.

H. R. Erdman is the project engineer on this job and John Huff of 1000 Brand in Glendale is over him. A "hell of a lot" those two care about the Storm Drain construction. Their main interest the last few days (besides drawing their pay), has been to figure out a way to discover and transfer union organizers off the project.

Mrs. H. G. is very poor. Her husband is dead. She lives in the poverty-stricken Vernon District of L. A. We were amazed at her extravagance when we saw her buying several cans of dog-food, knowing as we did that she had six undernourished children.

What we did not know but later learned was: The H. G. family does not own a dog.

Mrs. L. B., wife of a famous movie star in Hollywood films well for she "dearly loves to eat." Then to keep her slender figure . . . takes an enema . . . and vomits her food . . . Society papers—Please copy.

"Everytime you see something sordid and miserable and degraded and do nothing about it it you have damaged your own spirit a little . . ."

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Council Defines 'Red' As Man Who Asks Wage Boost

UNION DELEGATES WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Jan. 15.—At the meeting of the local Labor Council on January 7th two members from the city committee of the American League Against War and Fascism spoke, urging support for a mass meeting to be held by the League with Dr. Harry Ward, national chairman, as a speaker.

The council also was asked to send a delegate to the League committee meetings. (Two council members already are members of this committee.) When the League representative left a motion was made to send the delegate.

E. B. Daniel of the Oil Workers' Union and labor commissioner for Kern County, immediately raised the "red scare" in true Hearst style. Al Sessions, editor of the Labor Journal, was in favor of further investigation of the League, as was a member of the Butchers' Union. Two members of the council told of their experiences in the League and recommended it as an effective weapon against the twin dangers to the labor movement facing us today.

RAPS NEWSPAPER

One member of the council recommended that labor in Kern County take appropriate action in response to the red-baiting editorials which appeared in the local daily paper, the Bakersfield Californian.

The discussion whetted the curiosity of another member. He asked what Communism was. It was finally left to the executives to define a "red" as one who demands higher wages on the job. The inquisitive brother pointed out that the capitalists seem to have something to fear from the Communists, but not the working man.

Another member pointed out that the working class needs to hold a solid front and that the League Against War and Fascism offered organized labor in Kern County a chance to unite with other liberal, progressive and working-class organizations for mutual protection.

Framed Labor Leaders Are Now Released

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE IS CAUSE

WILMINGTON, Calif., Jan. 19.—Attempted intimidation against strikers of the Soap and Edible Oil Workers' Union failed here today when five workers were released from jail because of insufficient evidence.

The workers were arrested two hours after two scabs were injured last Monday night at 7 o'clock, when a rock was tossed through the windshield of their car.

Two of the workers arrested were in their union meeting when the incident was said to have occurred.

The workers arrested were John B. Shippen, 21, 1017 Neptune ave.; Walter W. Infoes, 21, 938 Laine ave.; Lloyd E. Mason, Jr., 27, 561 L st.; William R. Vance, 22, 116 Neptune ave.; all of Wilmington; and John Furlong, Jr., 21, 2905 Kerckhoff st., San Pedro.

The scabs injured were Harry Duncan, whose right eye was reported endangered with lacerations and contusions, and Omar Anderson, whose left ear was cut several times.

On the same night, it was reported that two executives of the Vegetable Oil Products Company at Berth 187, Wilmington, where the strike is in progress, were taken out of their car in Los Angeles and slugged. Paul Robinson, 39, was believed to have a skull fracture, and P. D. Dees received a broken nose and head contusions.

Today in Los Angeles, the Federal Labor Relations Board found the company guilty of violation of the Wagner Labor Disputes Act and forwarded their findings to Washington, D.C.

The company has refused recognition of the union and is now trying to lock out its employees. However, the strikers are carrying on militant picket action and are being supported by other workers here.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

War Brings New Oppressions and Fills the Pockets of the Capitalists

A Few Excerpts From The Writings of Lenin Who Saw Clearly the Nature and Causes of Every Great Imperialist Struggle for Economic Supremacy

UNDER THE BANNER OF LENIN

Soviet Union Leads On to a Better World



Lenin died January 21, 1934. Comrade Stalin is here shown speaking from Lenin's tomb in Red Square, Moscow. All over the world on January 21 the working class pauses—to check up and to plan for future struggles on the path to the dictatorship of the proletariat and final emancipation. Scores of Lenin memorial meetings are being planned in the West and throughout the country.

Democratic work may be difficult and stolen profits. It was a war at present, but it is possible. It progresses in the whole world, and in this alone lies salvation. (From The Imperialist War.)

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"The Socialists have always condemned wars between peoples as barbarous and bestial. Our attitude towards war, however, differs in principle from that of the bourgeois pacifists and Anarchists. We differ from the first in that we understand the inseparable connection between wars on the one hand and class struggles inside a country on the other, we understand the impossibility of eliminating wars without eliminating classes and creating Socialism, and in that we fully recognize the justice, the progressivism and the necessity of civil wars, i.e., wars of an oppressed class against the oppressor, of slaves against the slave-holders, of serfs against the landowners, of wage workers against the bourgeoisie." (From A Letter to American Workers.)

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"The war fills the pockets of the capitalists to whom an ocean of gold is flowing from the treasures of the great powers. The war is provoking an unreasoning bitterness against the enemy, and the bourgeoisie does its best to direct the dissatisfaction of the people into those channels, to divert their attention from the main enemy, the government and the ruling classes of their own country. The war, however, carrying with it untold miseries and horrors for the toiling masses, enlightens and steels the best representatives of the working class. If perch we must, let us perish in the struggle for our own cause, for the cause of the workers, for the Socialist revolution and not for the interests of the capitalists, landowners and Czars—this is what every class conscious worker sees and feels. Revolutionary Social

UPTON SINCLAIR RESIGNS ON EVE OF CONVENTION

Charges "Politicians and Agents" Had Ordered Him to Drop Name of "Epic"

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—Upton Sinclair, founder of the Epic movement which swept the State of California a year ago, retired from active participation in the movement here today, charging that "politicians and their agents" had ordered him to drop the name Epic and turn the movement over to the old-line Democratic Party.

Saying he had "precipitated a furious controversy in the Epic movement and among those on the fringes," Sinclair declined to be a candidate for the California delegation to the Democratic national convention.

GIVES REASONS

Sinclair issued a long statement commenting on "the intrigues which threaten Epic."

He said that he had told the Epic board of directors that he would be a candidate if all the candidates pledged themselves to fight for "production for use" in the national Democratic platform, but that he discovered "a number of the directors did not really desire this course."

Reiterating that he felt the Democratic Party should be turned over to the Epic movement, Sinclair stated: "Numbers of persons are insisting that I have thrown

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work

The Communists Strive for Peace

WORLD CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Dimitroff On the Anti-War Front

The Seventh World Congress of the Communist International, meeting in 1935, faced the task of outlining the revolutionary struggle against war, at a time when another, world-wide imperialist slaughter already could be predicted. We print below a few of the outstanding documents on the right to maintain peace.

"The Seventh World Congress of the Communist International most determinedly repudiates the slanderous contention that Communists desire war, expecting it to bring revolution. The leading role of the Communist Parties of all countries in the struggle for the preservation of peace, for the triumph of the peace policy of the Soviet Union proves that the Communists are striving with all their might to obstruct the preparations for and the unleashing of a new war.

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RIP TIDES

By LeMae

A Meeting Postponed

"So you think it sounds funny for the skipper to come back aft and discuss ship problems with the crew?—well, maybe it does when you've been used to having some bucko mate standing over you, barking like a mad dog," the speaker halted in the middle of conversation to watch the dispatcher writing on the blackboard.—2 A.B.'s—S.S. Golden.— He reclined in his chair a bit more comfortably as he visioned Tsingtao—North China, in mid-Winter.

Satisfied it was not the ship they wanted either, the little knot of men turned back to their arm-chair sailings. "Who ever heard of the captain of a ship sitting in on a fo'c'sle meeting?" one of the younger seamen asked, "and what good would it do?"

It was the opening the first speaker was awaiting. "Did you see this?" He flourished the morning paper at the little group. "If you read it over twice it might put some ideas of a different kind in your head."

"I was reading about it this morning," the new speaker laid aside a copy of the Pacific Weekly and joined the conversation, "the skipper took her out despite storm warnings and without a pilot—she didn't make it."

"Then a fellow who looked like the carpenter said that they would only miss one tide by waiting till morning to sail—Yes, they were arguing whether or not the ship should put to sea.

"I listened with my mouth open a foot. Finally someone, acting chairman—I think he was an A.B.—called for a vote.

"All those in favor of taking the ship out tonight, raise your hands," he called. About seven hands went up—including the skipper's. "Opposed" and the rest of the crew put up their hands.

"The ship will remain here in safety until tomorrow," the chairman announced.

Turning to the young seaman the speaker concluded, "There was no such meeting on board the I—."

Stool Pigeon, Stooge Uncovered
In L.A., Moved to Other Project

Petition Demanding Removal Gathers 75 Names in Mass Drive

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8—Militant action by WPA workers on the Griffith Park project has uncovered a stool pigeon and forced his transfer to another job, along with one of his stooges.

Jim Burton, foreman, tried to palm himself off as a radical in order to locate workers who were members or organizers of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, in order to fire them or shift them to other gangs. Fred "Irish" McConnell, acting as his stooge, was also uncovered.

Immediately a petition demand-

ing removal of these two "stoogies" obtained 75 names, and they were transferred to the paving project.

Workers on the La Brea project are getting up in arms at the use of an army of stooges known as the WPA police, who do no work outside of escorting some one down the hill at the request of the foreman.

On Storm Drain Project C-642, City Engineer Myers has been exposed as having been an active strikebreaker in St. Louis and in the deportation of Bisbee miners during the 1917 strike.

RIOT DUTY



Forward men! Don't let her get away with that stuff!

The Western Worker Drive

Sonoma Section takes the lead this week in Group D. The comrades there sent in \$50.00 over-subscribing their quota by 20 per cent!

San Diego Section and Branch 552 of the International Workers' Order boosted the San Diego total to \$134.85.

Los Angeles and San Francisco Sections! Your "bazaar vacations" are over—get to work on the collection cards, arrange house parties, take up collections in the mass organizations—in your shops—on the docks!

You will send your best shock brigader to the Soviet Union only if you over-subscribe your quota.

STILL MISSING

And what's wrong with these sections? Monterey, Eureka, San Jose, Bakersfield, Fresno, Porterville, Stockton, Tulare, Arizona and Nevada have turned in little or no money.

Don't you want an improved, eight-page Western Worker? We know you do! But the only guarantee for a bigger and better Western Worker is the fulfillment of financial quotas in every section.

DRIVE STANDING, JAN. 15TH

Section	Group	Quota	Raised	Per Cent
Los Angeles	A	\$3,500	\$1,823.25	52
San Francisco	"	2,500	912.95	36
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CLEVELAND, O.—Al Balint, employee of the Republic Steel Co. in its Corrigan-McKinney division, took his job as an employee representative in the steel corporation's company union very seriously. Believing he represented the workers who elected him, Balint took a leading part in calling for a convention of company union representatives from all Republic's plants, at which wage increases, pensions, and seniority rights were to be discussed. Now he's out of a job—the company fired him in an "economy move."

This expensive New Deal experiment, by which farmers were placed in arctic regions on small tracts of land from which they were supposed to scratch a bare existence and pay back the expense of settling them there, is now under rigid regulations closing schools and prohibiting public gatherings.

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Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

A MAGAZINE WITH A PUNCH

Do you know what to do for a cough? What should young people do about the sex question? How much poison is in "Ex-Lax"? Do you know that sick people in Russia are often given canned blood? These and many other such highly interesting questions are expertly answered in the January issue of the Health and Hygiene, the magazine of the Daily Worker Medical Advisory Board, sold in all Workers' Book Shops for 15 cents.

For not having sufficient Marxian analysis of public health questions. Although we have received no reply to this, the magazine has improved greatly in this respect.

Besides the aforementioned articles, pneumonia, blood poisoning, epilepsy, skin diseases in children, and some excellent diets for sick people, are well handled in the January issue.

PEA SOUP FOR PLAGUE

Oakland, Calif.

A former Navy man tells me that thousands of tons of split peas were shipped into Africa for the sick during an outbreak of Bubonic Plague. He claims that split pea soup was the best treatment for Bubonic Plague. J. E. C.

ANSWER:—This is probably one of those tall tales that are particularly peculiar to lumber-jacks and sea-faring men. So far nothing has been found which will check this terrible disease to any degree after the patient has become infected.

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The Shipowners' Attack Requires Unity of All Maritime Workers

Using the sailors' demand for a six-hour day on steamships as the long-awaited excuse, the shipowners have launched an attack on the whole Maritime Federation, and are counting on the support of the Scharrenbergs in the I. S. U. officialdom to help them by declaring war on the West Coast unions and revoking their charters. The shipowners are hoping to create a split in the Maritime Federation, and think that they can do it by locking out the steamship men, and isolating the sailors from the other maritime crafts. The sailors as well as all other maritime workers must be on guard at this critical moment, against any action that might tend to create a rift in the Maritime Federation. It was only by unity and solidarity of all the marine crafts, through the building of a powerful Maritime Federation, that the waterfront workers have withstood every attack of the shipowners and the Scharrenbergs, and weathered every attempt to wreck the unions and the working conditions established through united struggle.

The danger is that this unity will be weakened if any single craft tries to fight alone. Only the strength and influence of the Maritime Federation can defeat the lock-out of the steamship men, can re-instate the crew of the S.S. Pennsylvania, and can develop sufficient mass pressure to force negotiations with the shipowners and win concessions from them. The Maritime Federation, controlled as it is by the rank and file through their elected representatives, can give effective support to the sailors' fight if a common program is worked out by all the maritime crafts involved, in accordance with the Job Action resolution unanimously adopted at the Emergency convention of the Federation.

It should be clear by now to all sailors that the steamship men's fight is not a question for the sailors alone to battle out, but involves all the maritime unions, which are now faced with the concerted attack of the shipping interests. The attacks in the newspapers of Bridges and Lundeberg are the opening guns of the employers' drive to smash the unions and the Federation, and throw overboard all the gains won in the past two years. Dispatches from Washington, dated Dec. 30th, to the New York Times report the following of the shipowners' plans:

"Retaliation by shipowners in the form of a general anti-union movement which would mean a 'fight to a finish' on the West Coast in an attempt to smash all maritime unions. According to reports received here today employers on the Pacific Coast virtually have completed formation of a coast-wide 'vigilante' organization to protect their interests in the event that they find themselves unable to obtain redress from the government should the international unions continue to be unable to discipline their Pacific Coast local unions. It is a question in labor circles here whether or not the demand on behalf of the seamen is not the 'showdown' signal for which the employers have been waiting. The International Seamen's Union has a convention next month. The employers may await the outcome of that meeting. If the parent body fails to take hold of the West Coast situation, the shipowners will be prepared to make their decision."

The Sailors' Union has already asked the Maritime Federation District Council for assistance to the Relief and Publicity Committee of the steamship men, to help them conduct their fight. I. S. U. locals up and down the Coast have voted to have the steamship men's fight placed in the hands of the Federation. Any further delay in doing so will only encourage the shipowners to hope that they can create confusion and disension in the ranks at a time when all maritime unions are threatened with attack.

A program of action is needed, not drifting! The steamship men and all sailors should vote to place the further conduct of the fight in the hands of the Maritime Federation, without any further delay! All other maritime crafts must be prepared to give all possible support to the sailors. Collectively, the maritime unions will present a solid front that will break the shipowners' lock-out!

The Frazier-Lundeen Bill, Toward Social Security!

Social security, the issue of the greatest interest to the greatest number, is due to play a central role in the coming political campaign, particularly in its preparatory stages. It means protection from unemployment, sickness and old age; maternity benefits; protection of the rights of youth; maintenance of trade union rates of pay; the elimination of worries that destroy health and boost the suicide rate.

But this "Social Security" is not the half-hearted, deliberately thwarted measures of the Roosevelt administration. Even the meager benefits promised by the New Deal have been trimmed down and are threatened with complete elimination in the major political battle now emerging, forcing the New Dealers further onto the defensive—into reaction!

Similarly, the widespread Townsend movement, sincere though unrealistic politically, is already meeting irresistible force and is being declared fantastic by many of its sponsors. But the principle remains sound, and a realistic program of old-age pensions must be popularized among the Townsendsites.

Where can we find a unified program that appeals to the unemployed, to mothers, to youth, to the aged and to the sick?

The Frazier-Lundeen Workers' Social Security Bill is the answer. Based upon the Lundeen Bill of last Congressional session the bill has been amended by experts to meet the expressed needs of all workers by hand and brains. Never has such a forward-looking, all-embracing, practical piece of legislation been submitted to any legislature in the United States. It represents the fruits of long and bitter struggle by unemployed workers, farmers and professionals to achieve minimum rights in a crisis-crazy, monstrously cruel economic system.

The bill is still in the draft stage, open to amendment by organizations of women, before being introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Lundeen and the Senate by Senator Frazier. In its tentative form it was printed in full by the Daily Worker on January 4, 1936. We urge members of the Communist Party and all progressives to bring the bill to the attention of their mass organizations.

This bill must be brought to the attention of all organizations whose interests are affected, not only the unemployed bodies, but professional, church, fraternal and political groups, Epic clubs, Townsend supporters, Socialists and Communists. Rally support behind the Frazier-Lundeen Workers' Social Security Bill! Build the united front for Social Security!

Honor the Memory of Lenin

On January 21, 1924, V. I. Lenin, leader of the international working class and its fighting organ, the Communist International, died as a consequence of lingering illness brought on by an assassin's bullet. Beloved of the workers and peasants whom he ennobled with sound Marxian skill through the difficult years of wartime reaction, revolutionary upheaval, civil and interventionist war, finally showing them the path to the successful building of Socialism, he is revered today in every country where man struggles to break the shackles of serfdom and wage-slavery.

He was not only a skilled writer and debater, but a splendid organizer who combined the theory and practice of revolutionary growth, preserving Marxist ideas against those who distorted them while giving lip-service to Marxism, and applying them in the new, imperialist epoch of capitalist growth—the period of wars and revolutions, battles for imperialist revision of the colonial revolts and growth of fascism.

He has enriched Marxist literature with Leninist writings, without which no revolutionary movement, however energetic and resourceful, can find the clearest and surest path.

The campaign which culminates in the series of Lenin memorial meetings throughout the state should by no means be permitted to die. The meetings must be made a rallying point for a systematic drive to wider distribution of Leninist pamphlets and books, to arouse interest in the Russian revolution and the growth of Soviet Socialist power as the beacon for oppressed workers and farmers everywhere.

Bring neighbors, friends and fellow workers to the celebrations. Call their attention to the popular pamphlets about Lenin and by Lenin. Honor the memory of the man who led the Russian workers to victory. Rally support behind the peace policies of the Soviet Union. Win ever new masses to the revolutionary banner of Lenin and Stalin, who, following Lenin's path, today leads the international working class toward a better life, toward unity of action against fascism and war, toward achievement of the dictatorship of the proletariat and Socialism!

It is necessary to turn all our energies to the central task of the period—to the building of a broad, aggressive Farmer-Labor Party in every town and city, in every state and in the whole nation in preparation for the election struggles and for the decisive election of 1936.

Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Experiences of Taxi Concentration Unit

I would like to bring out some highlights, experiences, and mistakes made during our successful concentration on the Yellow Cab Company taxi drivers who belong to Local 265, A. F. of L.

Unit 1, Downtown sub-section, San Francisco, chose the Yellow Cab garage as the concentration point in August, 1934. At that time we had not a single contact and did not know anybody working there. We sent a call through the San Francisco Section asking if there were any cab drivers in the Party and found that we had one comrade who used to drive a cab and had contacts among the drivers. We had him transferred to Unit 1, Downtown.

TAXI WORKER

The unit then discussed the possibilities of starting a rank and file paper, such as money, paper, ink, stencils, distribution, contents, etc. An ex-driver was made the editor of the paper, *The Taxi Worker*. When the first issue came out there was a great deal of excitement amongst the comrades and the distribution was excellent. However, with the appearance of the second issue, our comrades encountered stiff opposition by the Yellow Cab Company and their agents—the top officials in the union.

Our comrades who distributed the paper were beaten up by thugs and local police and thrown in jail. This terror lasted for about two months. We exposed the thugs in our bulletins, and the rank and file, seeing that the bulletin was written in their interest, fighting for higher wages, etc., began to protect our comrades.

APPEARS REGULARLY

The bulletin came out regularly twice a month. Taxi drivers began to write for it and send in money to keep it going. This, of course, more than ever enraged the Yellow Cab Company. They worked hand in hand with the old guard officialdom to crush the bulletin, but without success. Then we recruited some members into the Party and organized a Taxi Drivers' unit. We elected the editorial board and the work really started. The Yellow Cab Company saw to it that some of their men in the union brought in a resolution on the floor of the union against the *Taxi Worker*, the main points of which were: "Anybody supporting it, reading it, distributing it, or financing it should be expelled from the union." Here our comrades made a mistake for not demanding a secret vote, and the resolution was railroaded through. Instead of damaging the *Taxi Worker*, however, this resolution served to further popularize it. Seeing this, the misleaders in the union had to recognize the power of the bulletin and do something drastic about it. But from then on the bulletin became more and more popular amongst the drivers, and we started to issue them more regularly. If the bulletin was even one day late, the drivers would ask our comrades what the matter was, and why wasn't it out on time?

DEMAND WAGE RAISE

When the wage agreement came along, the taxi workers took a stand for \$4.00 a day. (At present the drivers get \$3.00 for 9½ hours work.) We popularized the demand for \$4.00 and not a cent less. When the election came in January, 1935, our comrades made some very serious mistakes. In the first place, they didn't do enough contact work except with those people whom they selected to run for office. Secondly, very few rank and file meetings were held before election. Thirdly, no attempt was made to form a united front with those members who run their own hacks, and who were sincere but still confused in regard to the top leaders in the local.

These were the major mistakes. However, in spite of the mistakes some very good gains were made. A rank and file slate was selected by the rank and file, *Taxi Workers* were issued once and sometimes twice a week during the elections, popularizing our candidates. 1500 cards were printed with the names of candidates and offices they were running for. And out of a rank and file slate of eight candidates, four were elected on the rank and file ticket. Although this was a good

There Is Profit In Lumber—Eureka, Calif., 1935



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LENIN'S TEACHINGS AND THE WORLD TODAY

He Shows Us the Road to Final Freedom

LEADER OF THE WORKING CLASS REVOLUTION

January 21st—twelve years since Lenin died. Lenin, the beloved leader of millions of workers, farmers and oppressed people throughout the world had passed away. In the hearts of these millions who heard of his death, there swelled the determination to continue the work he had begun. One-sixth of the earth surface had, under his leadership, been set free from the horrors, insecurity, poverty and anguish of Czarist capitalist exploitation. One-sixth of the earth's surface unfettered by capitalist relations, was at last free to go forward to build that new society which would be for the benefit of the many instead of the handful of millionaires.

Lenin, the leader of the Russian revolution, was the great genius of the world proletarian movement who further developed the teachings of the fathers of our proletarian science—Marx and Engels—to the present stage of capitalist development, to the conditions we face today. It was Lenin who showed the world working class how the system of capitalist exploitation brings poverty and misery for the majority of the people while a small parasitic group lives in ease and luxury.

It was Lenin who pointed out that in the midst of plenty and tremendous riches, insecurity and starvation face the great mass of the people. It was Lenin who showed to the workers in practice how they can free themselves from the rule of the few.

MONUMENT TO LENIN

Lenin showed the working class that only by destruction of capitalist rule and replacing it by the rule of the workers can we eliminate once and for all the evils which exist under capitalism. The great monument to Lenin—the powerful Soviet Union—which alone, surrounded by the hostile capitalist world, has marched forward, building up industry, transforming scattered agricultural production into highly mechanized large-scale production, raising the material and cultural conditions of the broad masses of toilers. It is the Soviet Union, the living monument to Lenin, which shows to the world working class the path it must travel to gain its emancipation.

Lenin is dead. But throughout the world Lenin lives in the revolutionary struggles of the working class under the leadership of the Communist Party, fighting for that new life achieved under his leadership in the Soviet Union.

Today, when the fascist menace stands on our threshold threatening to wipe out the organization

of the workers, to smash by yigante terror every semblance of democratic and civil rights, threatening every liberal expression of resistance—the American workers should know what Lenin taught. Today, when war has already started in Ethiopia and is likely at any moment to break out into a world war—the American workers should know what Lenin left us to learn from the past struggle against the imperialist war in our struggle for peace today. Today, when on the order of the day stands the need of uniting the working class against every attack of capitalism, the American workers should learn what Lenin did in uniting the Russian proletariat. Today, when the need for independent political action as against support of the two-party system becomes the central political task of the day, through the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, we can learn from Lenin on how and why to participate in parliamentary actions.

Lenin's Heritage (3c a copy) contains the speech of Stalin, the great pupil of Lenin, the architect of socialist construction, at the grave of Lenin pledging to carry out the work Lenin started.

Foundations of Leninism (special 10c edition). Here Stalin lucidly and simply explains the fundamental teachings of Leninism, its origin and development. The problems of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the correct attitude to the peasantry, the position on the national question, the role of the Party of a new type—the Communist Party—deals with in this pamphlet are closely connected with every single problem we face today. It is an invaluable text for every worker, every friend of the working class movement—a brilliant explanation of the struggle for that new life for which Lenin lived and died.

DIMITROFF REPORT

Lenin On the Soviet State (5c a copy), by A. I. Stetsky, illustrates the teachings of Lenin on the role of the state. It shows by concrete examples that Soviet democracy is the broadest democracy for the toilers, drawing into state participation not only a selected few but large sections of the workers in the factories and

Books-Pamphlets IN REVIEW

A SIGN FOR CAIN, by Grace Lumpkin.

Reviewed by Peter Boone.

The Southern workers call the Roosevelt agrarian program—that desperate attempt to drain further dollars from a sagging market through inducing food scarcity—the "plough the workers under policy." For they know from a dwindling cupboard, as the land-bankers and investment trusts know from fatter profits, just on whose backs this added load is felt.

PROFIT JUGGERNAUT

Grace Lumpkin has chosen to tell us, in this brave exciting book, how the effects of the unseen profit juggernaut are manifested in the personal lives of a number of people of a typical Deep South, middle community.

Old Colonel Gault is a sour gallant of the Confederacy. Twisted by history and confused by economics, his plantation is decaying with his flesh and mind.

Around him, targets for his envy and hatred, are families less blind to the profit necessities, less honorable in obeisance to his outworn feudal values.

The Colonel's spawn are equally futile. An older son escapes into the church, saves his hidden conscience with the well-mottos of an even remoter age. Another son escapes into dissipation and degeneracy. A daughter, favored with a few sophisticated years in New York, escapes into the stratosphere of a phoney "above-the-battle" art.

NOT IN SILENCE

The Negro workers on the Gault and adjoining estates suffer—but not in silence. With several white share-croppers and tenant-farmers they meet to air their grievances, to teach each other and be taught by Denis and Bill Duncan.

Denis, a giant Negro, who has returned to the South after learning the tactics of the class struggle in the North, and Duncan, the Communist printer, work secretly among the discontented toilers.

A dramatic crisis comes. Jim Gault, criminally hysterical after an unsuccessful attempt to blackmail his wealthy uncle, kills him. The sheriff, a Fascist who boasts of the murder of a dozen "niggers," descends upon Denis and his pupil Fcents. A lynching movement starts. Bill Duncan quells it with prompt action. Jim Gault, with the connivance of the deputies, conceals his murder with two more.

Denis and Fcents die like true Communists, heroes of the class war.

STRENGTH TO FIGHT

The book closes on the preparations for a mass funeral, with the revolutionary movement strengthened rather than weakened through the loss of its leader.

Around this simple honest plot Grace Lumpkin has woven the dynamic tapestry of a society in decay. A dying society yet one still strong enough to crucify its Christ.

Like Angelo Herndon in Georgia and Shoemaker in Florida, Denis is persecuted for daring to be right.

"A Sign for Cain," be it added for the "liberal" critics, is not a piece of radical sloganizing. She doesn't underestimate the forces of rebellion, Negro and white, in the South. But she is a Marxist artist. So she cannot fail to see their potential strength—and record the fulfilled marching which cannot end but in victory.

peasants from the field. Through an explanation of the role and significance of the Soviet state we get the contrast between bourgeois and proletarian democracy.

Working Class Unity—Bulwark Against Fascism—(5c a copy), the brilliant report of Georgi Dimitroff to the 7th World Congress of the Communist International shows the application of Leninism to every problem facing us on a world scale today. The masterful manner in which Dimitroff analyzes the struggle against fascism and war, working class unity and the building of a broad people's front against fascism and war are a confirmation that only through the mastery of the teachings of our great leaders—Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin—can we forge that powerful Party of the American working class to lead us in the final struggle against capitalism and towards a free America.